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Per reftel, PolOff on November 28 demarched Attaché Dionysis Dionysiou, Department of Middle East and Africa, Cyprus Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). PolOff outlined U.S. opposition to biased, anti-Israel UN General Assembly Resolutions in general, and focused on USG efforts to oppose mandate renewal for UN institutions that did not contribute to peace between Israelis and Palestinians. Dionysiou replied that the RoC likely would support a resolution extending the mandate for the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People. Cyprus was a member of the committee, had made a commitment to support its mission, and intended to honor its commitment. Nonetheless, Dionysiou promised to pass our message to his superiors. Concluding the call, he revealed that the British, Australians and Israelis had made similar demarches to the RoC to end its membership in the UN body.

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